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Qatar Tactical: FIFA Arab World Cup 2025 final match slated at Lusail Stadium on December 18; allot for disruptions

Current Situation

- The final match of the International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) Arab World Cup 2025 is scheduled at Qatar's **Lusail Stadium** on December 18 at 21:30 (local time).
- The final will be contested between Jordan and Morocco, following Jordan's semi-final victory over Saudi Arabia and Morocco's win against the UAE.
- A third-place playoff between Saudi Arabia and the UAE is also scheduled for the same day at Doha's **Khalifa International Stadium** at 16:30.

Source: [FIFA](#)



Assessments & Forecasts

1. Qatar previously hosted the FIFA Arab Cup 2021, which reportedly had substantial attendance, including about 60,000 spectators at the Algeria-Tunisia final despite COVID-19 restrictions.
2. **FORECAST:** The upcoming matches are likely to attract large crowds, with Lusail and Khalifa International Stadiums expected to run at full capacity. Due to the anticipated turnout and possible presence of foreign dignitaries, security measures are expected to be tightened significantly in and around the stadiums. While no road closures have been announced at the time of writing, authorities may implement ad-hoc closures and controlled access zones on short notice to manage crowds and facilitate VIP movements, which will likely cause significant traffic disruptions around both venues.
3. **FORECAST:** Significant disruptions are expected in areas surrounding the stadiums during the conclusion of both matches, when large crowds begin to disperse from the vicinity as well as during the course of fan celebrations.

Recommendations

1. Those residing or operating in Doha and Lusail on December 18 are advised to allot for disruptions to travel near stadium premises due to slated matches.
2. Individuals are advised to seek alternative routes and allot extra time for travel near the venues.